

Rain tonight. Clear, colder tomorrow.

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ROBBINS DEPOSED FROM PRESIDENCY OF SOFT COAL MEN

Operators Drop Leader Who Favored Higher Pay for Miners.

COMPROMISE IS DOOMED

Unexpected Action of Employers Thought to Make Strike Certain.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 19.—F. L. Robbins, of Pittsburgh, was deposed from his position of executive of the bituminous operators today for favoring giving the miners an increase of wages, as they asked.

The action was taken at the convention of operators, which is meeting in this city today, simultaneously with the convention of the United Mine Workers of America. It was a complete surprise, and is considered an indication of a sure strike.

While there had been considerable opposition to the plan of yielding to the demand of the men for higher pay, it was thought that the Robbins' forces would prove stronger, and the men would get their wishes. On this basis, it was thought, there would be peace in the soft coal fields. The miners were hopeful of an agreement with the bituminous operators to be used as a weapon against the anthracite operators.

The expulsion of Robbins from his office was a bombshell among the advocates of his policy and the men, too. With so defiant a refusal by the operators of an increase in wages, it is said today that the possibility of avoiding a strike in the soft coal fields is practically non-existent.

This morning the coal operators held their first meeting at the Claypool Hotel. The session was behind closed doors, but it is known that aside from the perfecting of an organization, the morning was occupied in settling sentiment.

The convention of the United Mine Workers was held this morning at Tomlinson Hall.

The miners have completed their preliminary arrangements, but as the operators did not assemble until today, it is believed a joint session of the miners and their employers is not likely to be held before Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday.

Federation of Labor Takes Up Strike Crisis

Every member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor except Second Vice President John Mitchell was present at the meeting of that body today.

On account of the delicate questions involved in the strike of the typographical union, the threatened strike of the coal miners, and the important legislation now before Congress, the meeting is one of extremely great interest. Sessions will continue through the week, and will be behind closed doors.

Ten Men Present.

Besides President Samuel Gompers and Secretary Frank Morrison, there are in attendance: John B. Lennon, treasurer, and the following vice presidents—James Duncan, James O'Connell, Max Morris, D. A. Hayes, Daniel J. Keefe, William D. Huber, and Joseph F. Valantine.

John Mitchell is detained at the miners' conference on the coal situation at Indianapolis, but he will keep in close touch with this meeting of the federation. Probably the most important matter to come before the council will be the attitude of the federation toward the strike, should one be declared.

FRANK, OLD POLICE HORSE, DIES OF HEMORRHAGES

After eighteen years faithful service in the Police Department, "Frank," a blaze-faced bay horse, twenty-four years old, died this morning of hemorrhages.

THE WEATHER REPORT

A disturbance of considerable magnitude is central this morning in the Ohio valley, having advanced to that region from southern Texas in the last twenty-four hours. An area of high pressure is passing off to sea over New England, while a second high is advancing Southeastward over the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains.

Precipitation has set in again over a large extent of country. In the east Gulf States heavy rain has fallen, attended in some cases by thunder-storms. In the middle Atlantic States, the lower portion of the region, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri, snow has fallen and continues this morning. In the south Atlantic States, lower Ohio valley, and Tennessee rain has set in during the last twelve hours.

For tonight and Tuesday snow or rain is probable in the middle Atlantic States and the lower lake region. Rain is probable tonight in the eastern portion of the south Atlantic States.

The temperature will rise in eastern districts and fall in the lower Mississippi valley, the east Gulf States, and the lower Ohio valley.

TEMPERATURE.

7 a. m.	20
8 a. m.	21
9 a. m.	22
10 a. m.	23
11 a. m.	24
12 m.	25
1 p. m.	26
2 p. m.	27
3 p. m.	28
4 p. m.	29
5 p. m.	30
6 p. m.	31

THE SUN.

Sun sets today	6:10
Sun rises tomorrow	6:05

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today	2:06 p.m.
Low tide today	9:45 a.m.
High tide tomorrow	4:16 a.m.
Low tide tomorrow	10:35 a.m., 11:30 p.m.

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FACED DEATH ON BURNING STEAMER

Thrilling Experience on the Wrecked Atlanta.

ONE OF CREW CREMATED

Fell Into Hold Which Was Blazing Furnace and Lost His Life.

SHERBOGAN, Wis., March 12.—Capt. Cornelius McCauley and his crew of three men, who were rescued from the burning steamer Atlanta, of the Goodrich line, and brought to this city today, are being cared for here and tell a thrilling story of their experience. One man, a deck hand, Michael Hickney, of Chicago, lost his life. All of the men suffered more or less from bruises and burns.

Burned to Water's Edge.

The Atlanta took fire eight miles off this place, and was burned to the water's edge. The captain and crew fought to the last to conquer the fire, but were forced finally to take to the boats. Hickney, exhausted, stumbled and fell into the hold, which was a blazing furnace. His ship mates were unable to render him any aid and he perished.

Captain McCauley says the men stuck to their posts manfully and did their utmost to check the spread of the fire, but he eventually was compelled to order the boats lowered. Not a man deserted until the order was given.

The men drifted about for three hours, when they were sighted by the steamer Georgia and were picked up.

Officers of Atlanta.

The officers of the Atlanta, who led the battle to save the ship from destruction are: Cornelius McCauley, captain; George Steins, first mate; William Glenn, second mate; Joseph Peroulka, engineer; Charles Wells, second engineer; H. P. Bloodgood, purser, and C. Hedgeland, steward.

George Steins, the first mate, narrowly escaped from the burning Atlanta with his life. He saw Hickney stumble and leaped back to save him, but he was too late. The fallen man disappeared before he could reach him and was lost. In his effort to regain the last lifeboat Steins, almost overcome by the smoke, nearly fell, and was dragged aboard by his mates.

ANTOINETTE TOLLA GOES TO JAIL FOR MURDER

Saved From Gallows, She Will Spend Seven and a Half Years Behind the Bars.

HACKENSACK, N. J., March 12.—Mrs. Antoinette Tolla was taken to Trenton today to serve her seven and a half years' imprisonment for the murder of Joseph Sontia, the board of pardons having saved her from the gallows ten days ago.

In order to avoid the crowd of curious, Sheriff Mercer left the jail three hours earlier than intended, and with his prisoner was driven to Bogota, a station one mile south of Hackensack, where he took the train for Trenton. Mrs. Tolla's regret was that she was loath to leave behind her Anna Valentina, a woman who has been like a mother to her in the Hackensack jail for almost a year.

FREDERICK J. NEWYAHN DIES OF CONSUMPTION

The funeral of Frederick J. Newyahr, who died yesterday of consumption, at the home of his sister, Mrs. John W. Drew, 49 H street northwest, will take place from St. Aloysius' Church, North Capitol and I streets, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Newyahr was born in Washington in 1866, and had been engaged in the clothing business in this city over a quarter of a century. He was with J. & W. Eisenman until some weeks ago, when he was obliged to resign, owing to ill health. Mr. Newyahr is survived by three sons.

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NO WOMEN KILLED, WOOD WIRES HOME

Sensational Stories of Butchery in Mt. Dajo Fight Were Made Up in Manila, He Says.

The Secretary of War this morning received two dispatches from Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, with reference to the Mt. Dajo fight.

The first dispatch, which was dated Manila, March 18, follows:

"If more detailed information concerning facts leading to Mount Dajo fight are desired, I would suggest Major Hugh L. Scott be called upon. He is thoroughly familiar with the situation, having spent eight months attempting to get these people off the mountain without fighting. WOOD."

General Wood's second dispatch was also sent from Manila, but under today's date, as follows:

"Sensational cables sent to United States relating to Mt. Dajo fight were made up in Manila. No reference in any cable from Mindanao, killing women and children."

"On receipt of Colonel Andrews' condensed report in Washington, American papers carried for details. Reporters here had no information other than my report telegraphed to Col. George Andrews, and supplied the sensational features. WOOD."

Couldn't Find Work; Committed Suicide

Clayton E. Paxson, Twenty-one Years Old, Took Carbolic Acid in Coal Shed Back of His Home.

Inability to obtain employment drove Clayton E. Paxson, twenty-one years old, of 324 D street southeast, to suicide this morning.

With an empty carbolic acid bottle by his side, a morbid note pinned on the lapel of his coat, and his mouth horribly burned, the young man was found dead in the coal shed by his aged mother about 6:30 o'clock.

The note was enclosed in an envelope addressed to "Mamma, Papa, and Sisters." It was written in a steady, plain, bold hand and grammatically correct. It read as follows:

Pathetic Farewell.

"Nearer My God to Thee."

"Forgive me, mamma, papa and sisters, for this rash act. I have been dependent because I could not get work and decided to end it all. I trust that I will meet you all hereafter."

"Your Loving Son and Brother, Clayton."

The young man was last seen by his relatives about 6 o'clock yesterday evening when he ate his dinner. He seemed in his usual good spirits, and when he left the table, he said he had several letters to write.

When Mrs. Paxson arose at 5 o'clock this morning to prepare breakfast she thought her son was asleep. She took the coal bin and went to the shed in the rear of the house. While walking to the coal bin her foot struck something and she was horrified when she put her hand on a human face. She opened the door and let in a flood of light.

The mother was almost paralyzed when her eyes rested on the body of her son. Near his right hand lay an empty bottle labeled "carbolic acid."

She unknipped the note on the lapel and read the contents. Hoping that her son was not dead, Mrs. Paxson made repeated efforts to rouse him, but without avail. She then informed her husband and neighbors of what had happened.

The family was not entirely surprised, as young Paxson had been out of work since Christmas and was discouraged. It is believed that after dinner he went to his room and wrote his final missive and remained there until he was sure all of his relatives were asleep.

Discouraged by Failure.

Policeman Warfield, of the Fifth precinct, reported the suicide to Lieutenant and McCallahan, of the Fifth precinct station. It was learned that young Paxson had stated that he was tired of loafing, and if he did not get work soon he would get out of the way and cease to be a drain on the family. Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of death by suicide. The bottle of acid was purchased at a drug store within a few blocks of Paxson's home. At the time it was purchased he stated that he wanted for an antiseptic.

The body was turned over to Undertaker J. William Lee this afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the late home of the young man at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be made in Congressional Cemetery.

YOUNG TAKES OATH AS G. P. O. FOREMAN

Employees Call to Extend Their Best Wishes.

Charles E. Young, foreman of the night bill force, who was appointed Saturday foreman of printing, to succeed Oscar J. Ricketts, took the oath of office this morning in the office of Public Printer Stillings.

Foreman Young has been the recipient of numerous letters of congratulation, and during the day many of the employees called on him and wished him all kinds of success. Until a successor to Mr. Young is appointed, James Ross will be acting foreman of the first division night force.

An Auto for Mr. Ricketts.

As a testimonial of the esteem in which he was held by the employees of Uncle Sam's big print shop, a fund will be collected for the purpose of presenting Oscar J. Ricketts, late foreman of printing, with a suitable and useful present, probably an automobile. Permission to collect such a fund has been granted by Public Printer Stillings, who heads the list with a substantial contribution. Chief Inspector Brown is also on the list.

Notices have been sent out to the heads of all the branches and to division chiefs and chapel chairmen in the office, calling a meeting for the purpose of proceeding with the plan. This meeting will be held in the office tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, in a room set apart for that purpose by the Public Printer.

Ferrell Investigation Unfinished.

It was stated today that the investigation of the accounts of L. C. Ferrell, the suspended superintendent of documents, is by no means completed, and that no report will be made public until the accounts have been straightened out. Public Printer Stillings said he could not discuss at this time the report made by the Treasury experts, as he did not want to do any injustice by making a partial statement. All the public printer would say was that enough had been disclosed to show that the office of superintendent of documents had been mismanaged, and that the carelessness of that official made it impossible for him to be longer retained in that office.

The Government is, it was learned, will lose nothing, as whatever discrepancies are disclosed by the investigation will be made good by Ferrell.

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WILL HOLD HIGH TITLE IN ARMY IF SENATE AGREES TO EXCEPTION

Who Will Be Lieutenant General Before Bill Abolishing Rank Takes Effect.



MAJOR GENERAL CORBIN, Who Will Be Lieutenant General Before Bill Abolishing Rank Takes Effect.

House Will Let Corbin Be Lieutenant General

Grosvenor Amendment to Abolition of Title in Army, Exempting Him and MacArthur, Is Passed.

General Grosvenor, of Ohio, has won his fight for his old friend, General Corbin. The House, this afternoon, by a vote of 138 to 101, passed his amendment to the bill abolishing the grade of lieutenant general, U. S. A., providing that the abolition shall not go into effect until General Corbin and General MacArthur have held that rank.

By the terms of the Grosvenor amendment the abolition of this grade goes into effect October 12, 1906.

The only action required in the House today to pass the amendment was the roll call, as all the speaking on the subject was done last Friday afternoon, when the House filibustered for three hours in an attempt to defeat the Grosvenor amendment.

The Nichi Shimbun says that the casualties exceed 100, and the Jiji Shimpu places the dead at 80. An official dispatch from Formosa reports fifty deaths, many more injured, and 30 houses destroyed, but later advices show that this is a very low estimate.

Kaji is on the railroad line about fifty miles north of Tainan.

There were two destructive shocks in central and southern parts of the island. A distress is reported among the natives and Japanese colonists, and a number of physicians and nurses have started for the northern part of the island to relieve the sufferers.

The railroad lines were twisted, telegraph poles thrown down, and buildings laid level at Kaji.

TOKYO, March 18.—There has been an appalling loss of life and enormous destruction of property by two severe earthquake shocks in the island of Formosa. The details of the disaster are as yet meager, and on account of the poor facilities for the transmission of news it probably will be several days before the full extent of this disaster can be fully ascertained. The greatest damage has been done in the central and southern sections of the island.

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Appalling Loss of Life By Formosa Earthquake

Some Reports Place Dead at Eight Hundred. Buildings Leveled and Railroad Lines Torn Up by Disaster.

Today begins the third week of the lockout of the journeymen plumbers, and also the third week of the sympathetic strike of the apprentices and helpers.

At Costello's Hall, the headquarters of the strikers, there was no evidence this morning that the men and boys are discouraged at the outlook. The journeymen and boys did not seem at all worried over the determination of the master plumbers to file an application for an injunction against the officers and members of the Journeymen Plumbers' and the Boys' Unions. They say they are doing nothing against the law, and that they are conducting their fight against the master plumbers in a peaceful and orderly manner.

The master plumbers report this morning that conditions are much improved and that first-class mechanics are rapidly taking the places of the locked-out men, and that the plumbing business in Washington will not suffer by reason of the Washington journeymen's refusing to work under their five-year contract.

The master plumbers say they will employ their own hands as they may have work for them, but only as individuals, and not as members of the journeymen's union, because the union without notice broke the five-year contract and has refused to post a forfeit of \$1,000 that it would abide by the contract if the men were taken back. A number of plumbers from Baltimore and Philadelphia will arrive here tomorrow and be put to work by the master plumbers.

THIRD WEEK OF LOCKOUT AND PLUMBERS' STRIKE

NAME LIKE JOHN D.'S CAUSES EMBARRASSMENT

CHICAGO, March 19.—If Missouri's attorney general and his subpoena servers had been in the Pompeian room of the Auditorium Annex yesterday they would have received a shock, for a small page with a large voice entered the fashionable dining place and shrilly called out: "Mr. Rockefeller."

After he had made several rounds of the room a pale man seated at a table with several friends looked up and said: "My initials are E. W. and my name is Rockefeller."

"You to the phone," said the page, and those at the other table said that in place of a skull cap, wig, or bald pate, usually worn by John D., "Mr. Rockefeller" had a heavy shock of brown hair.

"I am from New York," he said later, "and I certainly do have troubles with my name. It is sometimes embarrassing."

THIEF KILLS POLICEMAN WHO HAD ARRESTED HIM

JACKSON, Mich., March 19.—Police Sergeant Fred D. Booth was shot and instantly killed in a railroad yard here this morning by a burglar he had arrested.

The man submitted to arrest and was walking along with the officer. Suddenly he whipped out a revolver and shot Booth dead.

FRANCIS WILL GO TO VIENNA COURT; STORER RECALLED

President Said to Have Disagreed With Former Ambassador.

DILATORINESS ALLEGED

New Appointee Once Minister to Greece—Prominent in Politics.

Charles S. Francis, famous athlete, personal friend of President Roosevelt, editor of the Times, of Troy, N. Y., and former minister to Greece, was appointed by the President today to succeed Eleanora Storer, as ambassador to Austria-Hungary. Both the appointment of Mr. Francis and the recall of Ambassador Storer came as a surprise in social and political circles.

The reasons for the sudden recall of Mr. Storer are not known. Neither the President nor Secretary of State Root will discuss the question, it merely being made known that a change had been decided upon. In fact, the impression is given out that there is no ill feeling between the President and the ambassador and that they still are close personal friends.

Trouble With President.

The consensus of opinion in official circles, however, is that a radical difference of opinion has suddenly arisen between the President and the Ambassador to Vienna, and that his recall promptly followed. It is thought reasonably certain that the issue was entirely between the President and Ambassador and that the State Department had no particular interest in it and that no outside influences were brought.

A number of reasons for the recall of the ambassador, who was appointed to the diplomatic service by President McKinley and for years was a personal friend of both the late President and Mr. Roosevelt, are given. One is to the effect that Mr. Storer was negligent of his duty in the case of Marcus Braun, who, while in Austria on duty as an American immigration inspector, was imprisoned by that government. The President, who long has been a close personal friend of Marcus Braun, is said to be convinced that the Austrian government acted an injustice to Mr. Braun. In support of this theory it is declared that the President was nominated today, and that he failed to do his proper duty in connection with the incident.

Allege Dilatoriousness.

The present crisis in Storer's case has been brewing for several weeks, it is understood. It is claimed that, no matter what the cause of the friction was, the ambassador to Vienna has recently been dilatory in the office, and that he has failed to reply to both mail and cable dispatches from the President concerning important matters, and that finally he was asked to come home on vacation in order to explain his conduct. At a time when the President thought the ambassador was in a hurry to get to America, he learned that he had arrived at Cairo, Egypt, on a trip for the improvement of his health. The President's cablegram to Mr. Storer, informing him that he need not return to Vienna and that his successor would be nominated today, is said to have been sent to him at Luxor, Egypt, Saturday.

Mr. Storer was formerly Miss Marie Longworth, sister of the father of Representative Longworth. Her first husband was George Wood Nichols. She was prominent in social life of the Capital during her husband's two terms in Congress, was prominent in Cincinnati society and has been known for years as a leading worker in Catholic church work.

Formerly in Congress.

Mr. Storer is a native of Cincinnati, and he graduated from Harvard in 1887. He was a member of the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses, from the District in Cincinnati now represented by the President's son-in-law. He took a very active part in the first McKinley campaign, and while in Congress the two developed to be close personal friends.

In the spring of '97 President McKinley sent Mr. Storer to Belgium as minister, and in '99 he was transferred to Spain. This change made in the nature of a promotion, as Mr. Storer was especially friendly relations between this country and Spain at the close of the war. Mr. Storer gave a ninth satisfaction in that capacity and in 1902 President Roosevelt promoted him to the rank of ambassador and sent him to Vienna, where he has since remained.

It is said that Mr. Storer, while in Congress, also established a close personal friendship with the President, who then was Civil Service Commissioner.

MARKETMEN WANT BAN ON REFRIGERATED POULTRY

Edward R. Tinker, president of the Washington Market Company, submitted to the Senate District Committee today an amendment to Senator Gallinger's bill regulating the sale of poultry in the District. The market men contend that the language of the bill discriminates against local trade.

At present, the bill prohibits the sale of refrigerated poultry unless properly overhauled, and that she was seriously ill, was denied today by Commander Ballington Booth, who said she had recovered sufficiently to fill her engagement. Mrs. Booth is in Lockport, Ind.

MRS. BALLINGTON BOOTH WELL

NEW YORK, March 19.—The report that Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth, of the Volunteer Army, had broken down from overwork, and that she was seriously ill, was denied today by Commander Ballington Booth, who said she had recovered sufficiently to fill her engagement. Mrs. Booth is in Lockport, Ind.